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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS TO PRESIDENT FORD

THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED
OCTOBER 22, 1974, FROM BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER
LEO TINDEMANS ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT FORD. THE ORIGINAL
IS BEING POUCHED UNDER COVER OF AN AIRGRAM:
QUOTE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 7, 1974, WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED
BY YOUR AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS, HAS RECEIVED MY FULL
ATTENTION.

I WAS ALSO VERY INTERESTED BY THE VISIT OF AMBASSADOR
EBERLE, WHO MADE COMMENTS ON THE ANNOUNCED POLICY OF YOUR
GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO INFLATION.

I JOIN IN SUPPORTING THE OPINION THAT INCREASED
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IS NEEDED AT THIS MOMENT TO FACE
AND RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS WITH WHICH THE WESTERN
COUNTRIES ARE CONFRONTED.

THE PROMOTION OF THE DESIRED SOLUTIONS WILL REQUIRE,

IN PARTICULAR, AN INTENSIFICATION OF MEASURES CONCERNING
THE ENERGY CRISIS AND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST INFLATION.

IN THE FIRST INSTANCE I BELIEVE THAT EXISTING FORUMS,
SUCH AS THE COMMITTEE OF TWELVE FOR ENERGY PROBLEMS AND
THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT
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ARE PROBABLY THE MOST APPROPRIATE PLACES FOR THE DISCUSSION

AND PROMOTION OF SUCH COOPERATION.

IN ADDITION, TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AS REPRESENTED IN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, I WILL CONSIDER WHAT INITIATIVES CAN BE TAKEN TO STRENGTHEN THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE UNITED STATES.

IN ANY CASE, I APPRECIATE AND WELCOME AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S PROPOSAL TO HOLD REGULAR DISCUSSIONS WITH US IN THE INTEREST OF BETTER COORDINATION OF OUR ECONOMIC POLICIES.

I THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUGGESTION OF A PERSONAL MEETING. I ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO THE TIME WE MAY PERSONALLY DISCUSS THESE ISSUES. END QUOTE RENNER

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